

PERSONAL STORAGE

i come upon an ad for "personal storage"
and i think, "yeah, we could all use a
comfortable and private and inexpensive
and purely temporary and voluntary place

to store oneself

(or, as barthes, lacan, and derrida
might put it, our selves)

on those occasions when
it or they
become just a bit too much
for us or anyone else
to deal with.

THEIR POEMS BEAR EPIGRAPHS

their poems bear epigraphs
from t.s. eliot
and expire with whimpers.

their poems bear epigraphs
from a.a. milne
and are childish.

their poems bear epigraphs
from william carlos williams
and are flatter than latex.

their poems bear epigraphs
from allen ginsberg
and they (cheap shot) suck.

invariably their poems bear epigraphs
from their betters.

PUTTING HIS FOOT DOWN

when he discovered that he was actually
enjoying teaching the graduate seminar
in research and literary theory,
he knew he had missed his calling
as a dominatrix.

— Gerald Locklin
Long Beach CA